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CROSBY, HOPE TO HELP OPEN GOLF COURSE

NEW ATHLETIC AREA WILL AID RECREATION PROGRAM

Taking a giant stride forward toward the goal of complete recreational facilities for staff and patients, a large athletic area will be opened soon between the Dependent's Unit and the "N" wards. The black top surfacing of the area has been completed and the equipment and devices are being installed.

The variety of sports made available will provide almost any kind of exercise the patient or staff member desires. There is to be a regulation-size basketball court with a goal at the east and west ends and two practice goals on the north and south sides. There will be three shuffleboard courts with a highly glazed surface, volley ball, badminton, and croquet courts, horseshoe pitches, and an archery range. The two handball courts will remain in use, and there will be a tennis court within the area to supplement those already in use on the compound.

There will be an area set aside for those who wish to work with heavy apparatus which will include a striking bag, heavy punching bag, weight lifting sets, parallel and horizontal bars, springboard and mats for tumbling, and rowing machines.

The athletic area will be fenced in and a Corpsman will be on duty at all times to issue gear from the two quonset huts located at the southwest corner of the area.

To the north of the blacktop area is a touch football field and two backstops where softball or hardball teams may work out. This field is being grassed in.

Lt. Comdr. C. B. Sharer, recently arrived from the Naval Hospital in San Diego, has been placed in charge of the physical training department which will work with the Department of Welfare and Recreation in supervision of the area and in issuing athletic gear for patients and staff.

ADM. LANING AT USNHLB

Rear Admiral R. H. Laning, senior member of a Special Board of Medical Examiners, was at this hospital from 7 February to 11 February.

The Board convened to determine the physical fitness of officers on the active list of the Navy and Marine Corps who are 50 years or older.

Dedication Set for 10 Mar. at 1330; 32 Pro's, Others Here for Ceremony

Above—The inimitable Jimmy autographs a patient's leg cast during his recent show here in the station auditorium. Below—"Somebody's always tryin' to get into da act!" The would be intruder in this case is Eddie Jackson, veteran trouper who played with Durante many years ago in vaudeville. Of the cigar in his left hand, Jimmy quipped: "Captain Shaar give me this stinker, so I gotta smoke it!" Everyone agreed the Durante-Gerry Moore show was, as Jimmy himself would say, "Colossal!"

In what well may be the biggest show ever staged here, Bob Hope and Bing Crosby will lead a galaxy of stars from the golf and entertainment firmaments at the grand opening ceremonies of the station Pitch and Putt golf course on Sunday, 10 March 1946 beginning at 1330. Capt. C. M. Shaar, who has taken a personal interest in the step-by-step progress of the course, will participate in the dedication ceremonies.

Hope and Crosby, whose golf course antics are almost as widely known as their other varied accomplishments, will lead the parade of famous people which will include 32 professionals from the Southern California Professional Golfers Association and city officials from Long Beach. Jerry Colonna, Frances Langford, and Babe Didrickson are expected to take part in the ceremonies.

George Lake, pro at the Long Beach Recreation Park golf course and president of the SCPGA, who has been instrumental in the development of the course, will head the list of professional golfers. Mr. Lake, and Lt. Dan O. Henry, Welfare Officer, are cooperating in completion of the opening day program.

Bleachers to accommodate upwards of 2000 spectators will be set up on the road which borders the south side of the course. Staff and patients will have first chance at the bleacher seats and the public will be admitted to fill the remainder. Seating will be arranged so that patients in wheel chairs and on gurneys will be placed at the most advantageous spot. A portable loud speaker will follow the participants around the course so the spectators will be informed of the events as they transpire.

The unusual layout of the course with the holes paralleling each other in a comparatively narrow area will enable the play to be seen from grandstand seats — probably the only time a golf match has been watched by a crowd in a stadium-like seating arrangement.

The Pitch and Putt course, which will be available to patients and staff shortly after the grand opening, has become a reality through the efforts of the SCPGA in connection with their veteran's rehabilitation program. The association sponsored Hope and Crosby in a

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CHIEF OF BUMED, DMO VISIT HERE

Vice-Admiral Ross T. McIntire, Surgeon General and Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, visited this hospital on Tuesday 26 February in the course of his inspection of medical activities in the Eleventh Naval District.

Admiral McIntire was accompanied by Rear-Admiral Joel T. Boone, District Medical Officer of the Eleventh Naval District whose headquarters are in San Diego.

Capt. C. M. Shaar, Medical Officer in Command, was host at a luncheon given for the inspection party in the officers mess on this compound. Other guests were Capt. Paul Albright (MC) USN, former commanding officer of this station, and Capt. William W. Wickersham (MC) USN, commanding officer of the Long Beach Naval Dispensary.

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EVERY DAY A NAVY DAY

When the shooting stopped the United States Navy was the most powerful combination of Sea-Air power ever concentrated under one flag. Its might was builit by a combined effort, intelligence, and loyalty of more than three millions of men and women who fought in tropic jungles, some in the frozen north, some on and under the sea and some in the air; still others contributed by arduous labor in shops and offices behind the front; but all shared in the achievement of final victory.

Now that the war is won we must think of the peace, and with out pride in a task well done combine thought of our continuing responsibilities to our nation and to ourselves.

Our post-war navy will be maintained at but a fraction of its war-time peak strength, but its efficiency can be maintained and increased by the zeal, industry, and enthusiasm of its active duty personnel and the loyal and sympathetic support of its veterans. Our Navy and Marine Corps, with their Naval Flying Forces, must be adequate for their peace-time functions of patrolling the sea lanes of the world, protecting our far-flung bases, and assuring our prestige as a member of the family of nations. For many years we have set aside one day, called Navy Day, when the Navy has been at home to the public and explained its problems and methods of procedure.

Each Navy Day celebration has served to weave a closer bond of sympathetic understanding and appreciation of the Navy and its part in the overall plan for national security in the public mind.

During this crucial period of transition from a war-time to a peace-time Navy it is hoped that each member of the Naval Establishment, as well as each veteran of the naval service, will regard each day as Navy Day and make himself or herself available to reply to the many questions concerning the Navy and the value of its peace-time activities and will emphasize to friends and acquaintances their feeling of pride and loyalty and their determination to insure that a Navy which was powerful enough to play such a vital part in winning the war shall be maintained at sufficient strength to guarantee the Peace.

A Soldier Sleeps

These are the eyes that smiled at life
When the River of Peace ran calm and deep,
Eyes that gleamed with the light of Hope,
Eyes now closed in the endless sleep.
Here is the heart that held a dream
Of life and love in a world of joy.
The heart of a lad that sang all day
Now sad and still as a broken toy.
Folded the arms that were made to hold
A loved one close in a fond embrace,
Quiet the feet than in childhood ran
To meet the sun in an eager race.
Where is the soul of this gallant boy?
Where has it wandered beyond the skies?
Has it gone to dwell on a higher plane
With the spirit of One who never dies?

—Nick Kenny,
USNH Norfolk LOBLOLLY.

Crosby, Hope Golf Here

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series of exhibition golf matches, the proceeds of which were donated for construction of the station course. Mr. Milton Arthur, Long Beach businessman, contributed heavily toward financing the cost of the course.

The course, which is located along the north boundary of the compound, was laid out by Billy Bell, well-known golf architect, and the construction has been supervised by Jimmy Lawson, veteran professional.

Par on each of the nine holes is three and the average length is 87 yards, the shortest being the 67-yard No. 3, and the longest being the 104-yard No. 8.

First Wac: "I should have joined the Waves, then I'd probably have a husband now."

Second Wac: "How's that?"

First Wac: "Well, 10 of my girl friends joined the Waves months ago and now they are pharmacists' mates."

CHAPLAINS' COLUMN

Wendell C. Wheeler, Lt. Comdr. (CHC) USNR
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Vincent J. Hope, Lt. Comdr. (CHC) USNR..... Catholic Chaplain

The Catholic Mass at 0845 and the Protestant Services at 1000, both in the auditorium of this hospital on every Sunday, will be transmitted via the radio-channel system to the bed-patients.

CATHOLIC

Masses are celebrated twice each Sunday in the Auditorium at 0645 and 0845. On week days Mass is celebrated in the Chapel in the Chaplain's Office at 0645. Chaplain Vincent J. Hope is the celebrant. Confessions are heard on Sundays before Mass and during the week at any time.

PROTESTANT

Protestant Services are held each Sunday in the Auditorium at 1000. One of the chaplains conducts the service and preaches the sermon. Special music of an inspiring nature is provided each Sunday.

JEWISH

Jewish Services are held each Thursday afternoon at 1530 in the Chaplain's Office in Administration Bldg. The Chaplain will also be at the hospital on Thursday and Friday for personal counseling.

Everyone at the Hospital is cordially invited to attend the service of his choice and to find the inspiration that worship brings.

ARE YOU TWINS

By Father Vincent J. Hope

SO MANY OF US ACT LIKE TWINS, I am tempted to become psychiatric and try to explain the apologetic personality in all of us as we continually try to evade, forget and pardon our pasts. Too many of us have forgotten our backgrounds, what we were, and what we were destined to be and having adopted a new personality, keep putting on an act that fools no one but ourselves. We adopt hard-boiled attitudes, reconvert our normally good behavior, cultivate a looseness of speech, thought and action that is at variance with what we were taught—we have changed and, sad to say, for the worse. Our homes and parents are relegated to the dim, dark past; our education and religious obligations are forgotten, right and wrong are reversed to suit our own desires—of us it can well be said that we have lost more than we have gained.

TWIN PERSONALITIES HAVE BECOME A GRIM REALITY DURING THIS WAR. From the shy noble and good persons that we once were, we have changed overnight into rough, tough and nasty little characters. "When in Rome, do as the Romans do" is an axiom that has been misinterpreted. We argue that since we are away from home we should tear ourselves away from our mother's apron strings and get smart. "That old pious tripe that we learned at mother's knee is sentimental nonsense that has no place in this world of now." Have you heard that? "Modesty and purity were fine in Victorian days, were to be admired in our mothers and fathers, but I've grown up." Intellectually? I doubt that. "Foul, obscene and blasphemous language is necessary to express one's feelings and it makes you one of the boys." Certainly—one of the dead end kids! Go to church? "Don't be silly—I don't need that. Time enough for that when I've had my fun." "Thou fool," says the scripture, "this night I shall require thy soul of thee." Why gamble with eternity?

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE REQUIRED BY DIRECTIVE

In accordance with a directive in the new issue of the Manual of the Medical Department, a change in the administrative offices at this station has been effected.

Comdr. H. J. Van Peenen (MC) USN is the newly designated Assistant-to-the-Executive Officer (Professional), and Lt. Comdr. J. P. T. Bennett (HC) USN is the newly ordered Assistant-to-the-Executive Officer (Administrative).

11ND Sponsors Photo Contest; 51 Prizes to Be Awarded

A contest to stimulate interest in photography is being sponsored by the Eleventh Naval District for officers and enlisted men regularly attached to this district.

The contest, which opened on 4 February, will close on 20 March. There will be awarded one grand prize of photographic equipment valued at $50.00. Fifty other prizes of equipment all useful in photography will be awarded also. Entries should be classed as Scenic, Action, Portrait, or Still Life.

Complete details may be obtained from the **Santana** staff or from Welfare and Recreation in Building 86 on this compound.

It's the station band, folks; Left, in the sax section, l. to r. is W. Simpson, J. Long, Phillis Ferris, W. Moore, F. Westberg. Center, full band, at back Al Magallon on bass, Bill Griswold at piano, and Jackson Woodard on drums. Brass section, middle row, Norman Sarnoff and Jim Hildebrand, trombones; Lee Thompson, Bob Hickman, and Joe Kennedy, trumpets; John Bonaparte, guitar. Front, the sax section again, Fred Westberg, Bill Simpson, Phillis Ferris, James Long, and leader Wally Moore. Vocalist at right is Richard Prahl. At right is the seven man combo of Joe Kennedy and Bob Hickman, trumpets; Bill Griswold, piano; Wally Moore, tenor sax; John Bonaparte, guitar; Al Magallon, bass; and Jack Woodard, drums.

Men Have Come and Men Have Gone But the Band Plays On—and On

One of the least credited but most called upon small groups of enlisted personnel at this station is the Hospital Band, and, despite the inroads made upon its organization by demobilization it continues to function smoothly and whenever dance music and entertainment is needed, the band stands willing and ready to provide it.

April 1944 was the incubation period for the present organization. At this time a small group of corpsmen were playing together for the simple reason that they liked to make music and as they played the desire to unify and enlarge grew with each session. As the group evolved into something like a music making outfit, one of the group went to the Staff Personnel Officer and through his efforts with the support of the Commanding Officer, the band was formed.

The first official leader was Al Santomauro, CPhM, who returned to civilian life last fall. Successor to the chief was Wallace Moore, PhM2c, lead man of the saxophone section. Moore is the current leader and it was he who first gained official sanction and support for the band.

Before the end of the war outgoing drafts were many and it was difficult for the band to keep a stable group and one accustomed to playing with each other, but after V-J day the sections of the band enlarged and began to work well together, a prime requisite for good music. Loss of a player through demobilization could be anticipated and the music makers always managed somehow to find a replacement.

The Welfare and Recreation department, under the leadership of Lieut. Dan O. Henry has done much to promote the rise in fame of the Naval Hospital Band. Through the benevolence and interest of the Commanding Officer, Capt. C. M. Shaar, and Lieut. Henry the hospital furnishes the instruments which make the music one hears today.

The average person on the compound scarcely realizes the effort and time it takes for any type of musical group to get together, practice and play a finished performance. Besides performing their regular duties as corpsmen in the hospital, the men must practice every afternoon and had it not been for the splendid cooperation and help from the whole hospital, the practices would have been at a minimum and results achieved so painstakingly would not have come about.

The band plays for varied groups and functions all over this focal point of the Eleventh Naval District. Not only is entertainment provided for Patient dances, Wave-Corpsmen dances, but also for parties at the Naval Officers' Recreation Center at Terminal Island and other service men and women's clubs in this area. The band has twice been host to the service men at the Hollywood Canteen and has played for a number of dances for our staff officers and nurses at the Lakewood Country Club.

None of the men in the band are "big name" artists and some have never before played in swing orchestras as large as this one but all are held together by that quirk of fate which has given each of them the talent and desire to create music. It is this desire which has held the band together despite the handicaps it has had to overcome They have the spirit and they have been provided with the best of instruments and musical paraphernalia.

The band has become a solid portion of the recreation facilities on the compound and a part of the hospital life and function. The band members feel that recreation and welfare are an integral part of the well-being of the service man and they will continue to contribute to it to the best of their ability. Captain Shaar, Lieut. Henry and each member, past and present, is to be congratulated on this fine orchestra.

Blessed are those who would not let well enough alone—all the progress the world has made we owe to them.

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Drunk (to a uniformed bystander): "Shay, call me a cab, will yuh?"

Uniformed bystander: "My good man I am not a doorman, but a naval officer."

Drunk: "All right then, call me a boat, I gotta get home tonight."

Seventy-nine Waves Request Retention

Seventy-nine Waves at this station have requested retention until 1 September according to figures released by the Hospital Corps Office on 14 February.

Each Wave advanced one rate by virtue of their retention request; 17 advanced to Hospital Apprentice 1st Class, 55 to Pharmacist Mate 3rd Class, 4 to Pharmacist Mate 2nd Class, and 3 to Pharmacist Mate 1st Class.

Those advanced to PhM1c were Annie G. Redden, Evelyn Nash, and Cyrilla Kugler. Those advanced to PhM2c were Anna R. Henderson, Eva T. Newman, Laura B. Renney, and Florence Valentine.

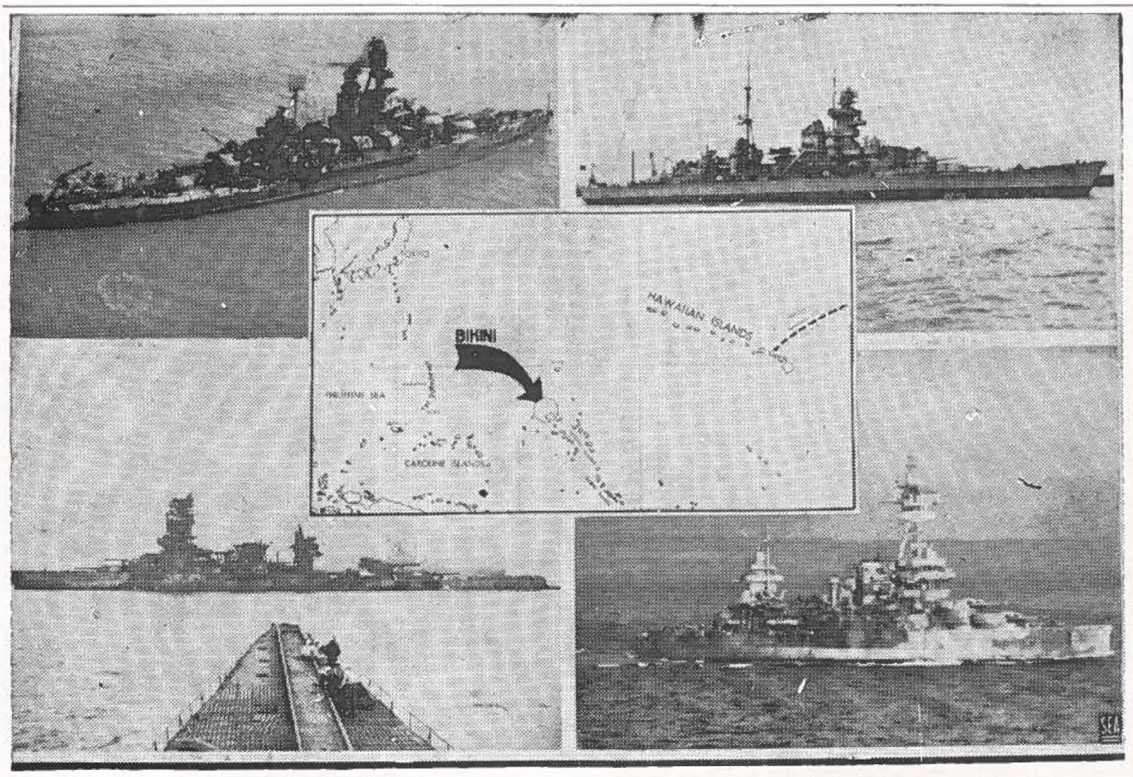
CAN YOU SUCCEED IN YOUR OWN BUSINESS?

(SEA)—If you are planning to go into business for yourself, you might wrestle with some "cold" statistics prepared by the Department of Commerce. Based on 1944, when business failures amounted to only about half the prewar rate, your chances of survival for the first year will be one in six.

The figures vary according to type of business. A filling station has a one-out-of-three chance of failure during the first year. Casualty rates for other industries are: eating and drinking establishments, 37.2%; grocery stores, 15.1%; auto repair shops, 14.6%; manufacture of apparel, textiles and leather, 4.3%; manufacture of lumber and furniture, 18.3%.

Hawaiian Group Entertains in Auditorium

Pictured above is the Hawaiian Group who entertained station personnel in the auditorium on 4 February. Seated just left of center and wearing a lounge suit is Charles D. Costas, who has made many generous contributions toward the welfare of service personnel. Among his contributions to this Hospital is the Hammond electric organ in the auditorium.



Four of the largest ships to be used in the atomic bomb tests at Bikini Atoll are the veteran U. S. battleships Pennsylvania and New York, the Nazi heavy cruiser Prinz Eugen, which America received in the division of the German fleet, and the one-time pride of the Jap Navy, the battleship Nagato.

Ninety-seven Ships to be Targets In Pacific Atomic Bomb Tests

(SEA)—America's atomic bomb tests at sea—code name "Crossroads"—will be a mammoth Army-Navy-civilian operation carried out by Joint Task Force 1 with 97 target ships, including 5 battleships, 2 aircraft carriers, 4 cruisers, 16 destroyers, and 8 submarines. All the combatant target ships are surplus U. S. Navy vessels except the Jap battleship Nagato and light cruiser Sakawa and the German heavy cruiser Prinz Eugen.

In addition, about 50 operating ships will be used. Some 20,000 personnel, including Naval crews, scientists and planners, will take part.

Two separate tests are scheduled —one in early May at an altitude of several hundred feet above the targets, the other around 1 July at water level.

Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Group, where the tests will be staged is made up of over 20 islands stretching 21½ miles in an east-west direction. Target ships will be placed so that effects will vary from probable destruction to negligible damage among ships of each type.

Heading the task force is Vice Admiral W. H. P. Blandy, USN. His staff includes Maj. Gens. W. E. Kepner and A. C. MacAuliffe, USA, Rear Adm. W. S. Parson, USN, and Dr. R. A. Sawyer, technical director.

The U. S. target ships designated are: battleships—Arkansas, New York, Nevada, Pennsylvania; heavy cruisers — Pensacola, Salt Lake City; aircraft carriers—Saratoga, Independence; destroyers — Mayrant, Trippe, Stack, Rhind, Bagley, Helm, Ralph Talbot, Mugford, Lamson, Flusser, Conyngham, Smith, Anderson, Mustin, Wainwright, Hughes; submarines — Skipjack, Tuna, Parche, Dentuda, Searaven, Skate, Pilotfish, Apogon.

PATIENTS, STAFF GIVE $324 TO POLIO CAUSE

Responding generously to the annual appeal by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, patients and staff members of this station poured $324.00 into the coffers for the fight against the "Great Crippler."

The amount was raised in two days of intensified soliciting at pay lines, in the auditorium, and at a booth near Ship's Service store.

A competitive idea was introduced when 49 milk bottles bearing the names of the 48 states and Brooklyn were lined up for an appeal to state loyalty. California led individual states with New York, Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Illinois following in the order named.

Under the direction of Lt. Dan O. Henry, Marian Zeller, PhM2c, organized the drive and was assisted by Gladys Juckett, PhM3c, Dorothy Ringo, PhM3c, Pearl Goldstein, Y1c, and Mary Crain, Y2c.

Zeller, Ringo, Goldstein and Crain left for Personnel Separation Units and civilian life the next day following the successful conclusion of the drive.

CRITICAL SCORES REDUCED

Point reductions in the following critical billets were recently announced: Members of the Nurses Corps and female officers will require a discharge score of 25 points by 2 May; Corpsmen designated physical therapy technician or occupational therapy technician and if assigned to hospitals within continental limits will require 34 points on 15 April and 32 points on 2 May. Waves who are OT or PhT technicians will be eligible at the same score required for unrestricted Wave personnel on 2 May.

Promotions to Lieut.: M. E. Engle, R. M. Gise, M. Overstreet, G. Y. Welsh; To Lt. (jg): F. E. Lucey, L. A. Shipman, V. E. Bish, Z. M. Cressey, I. M. Hyde, B. L. Potter, J. A. White, and L. Zelis.

Detached for separation centers: T. A. Tison, F. M. Petrovich, O. I. Petrovich, B. M. Weik, E. J. Aldrich, C. D. Anderson, A. L. Bianchi, L. M. Frohm, D. M. Johnson, E. K. Kile, H. A. Lammers, E. R. Lawrence, V. R. Lee, H. A. Lewis, B. J. Quimby, L. J. Ruffer, B. M. Rybery, C. L. Schultz, E. P. Spencer, L. M. Burgess, I. M. Hyde, C. Vincent, M. C. Elrath.

Reporting aboard this station: Lieuts. Freda Conine, Phyllis Kohler, Zora Ivansevic, Emily James, Joan Hunter; Lts. (jg): Elma Allen, Anne Cupitt, L. G. Coker, Dona Eggleston, Alice Glavan, Blanche McBeath, Helen Vance; Ensigns Thelma Peterson and Isabelle Shepphird.

On 2 February the male officers of the hospital staff sponsored a buffet supper dance for the Nurse Corps and the Wave officers of this station. Music for dancing was furnished by the hospital band beginning at 1900 and ending at 2300. The nurses wish to extend their thanks for an enjoyable evening.

Lieut. Goldia A. Merrill, (NC) USN, was detached from this station on 14 January to start her terminal leave. Lieut. Merrill has served in the Navy Nurse Corps for 16 years, three of these years having been spent as a prisoner of war of the Japanese. Best wishes are extended to Mrs. Merrill from all the nurses at this station.

Irish Pennants

HERE . . .

Leonard Roudebush, popular HA who came to the hospital in July '45, is now homeward bound to Buffalo, Wyoming, via the point route . . . Likewise Margaret Jewett home to Pasadena and Jo Jokumsen home to Del Rey (Calif.) . . . Jimmy Leon Hatley, salty as Neptune's beard, claims he has worn out more sea bags than the average swabby has worn out socks . . . Constance Campbell: What you said when asked if you were going to request retention in the service! . . . Unger and Hume, night corpsmen, discussing the terrible job of giving four penicillin shots each night. Tsh, tsh, men. You'll survive. . . . Al Shkane, back from leave to Buffalo, N. Y., says the cold weather there and the four-day ride in a day coach are a stiff price to pay. . . . Bitsy Bahr, PhM2c, keeps hours that would put an insomniac in the Rip Van Winkle class. He loves that libertee! . . . Tom Everroad, PhM1c, on brief tour of duty in the staff office, was detailed here in 1942 when this station was a pup.

AND THERE . . .

There is no rest for General Eisenhower it seems. No sooner had the overseas discharge blaze abated than the wives of Army men fanned the demobilization embers into flame again demanding husbands and husbands who were fathers be released. . . . The Navy demobe plan seems to be of better working design than the Army one. . . . AAF will make every enlisted man with two years service eligible for discharge by 1 June. . . . 114 corpsmen left the USNH, Seattle, Washington, for assignment to sea duty on 2 February. . . . Joe Louis admits Billy Conn is three times the better boxer. He will be throwing his Sunday punch early in the heavyweight title go in New York, 19 June. Ex-Champ Gene Tunney picks Louis to win by the KO route before the end of the third stanza. . . . We've heard some criticism of the Sport Page in this paper and we will try to improve but wish we had a hotly contested intramural program to chew on verbally.

BRIEFLY NOTED . . .

Not so long ago the Hospital Corps Club lived a brief but fruitful life. It could not be chartered but some of its precepts were realized—for example the Executive Officer's memo guaranteeing that no Corpsman would have more than one month night duty except by request. Too, there are better recreation facilities, a barber does a daily stint at Corps Quarters, and a Special Watch crew has made those dread nocturnal calls less frequent.

We don't contend that you are by any stretch of the imagination living in another Eden, but we feel that a vote of thanks is due to Minor Jones (now a civilian) and the Corps Club officers, to Pharm. J. R. Hammett, Lt. Dan O. Henry, and Comdr. G. A. Robinson for that which the Corps Club did accomplish. And this is only a third mate's tuppence worth, but the better the care you guys give to the Rec Hall equipment, the more you will receive and deserve.

Admirals May Lose Old Cocked Hats

(SEA) — The old fore-and-aft, hat, frock coat and epaulettes of the Navy officer's dress uniform are on the way out along with the enlisted man's bell bottoms.

Secretary Forrestal revealed this in his annual report, saying the Navy is "fairly sure" the old dress uniform will not return, although this change is not being pushed as aggressively as changes for the enlisted men. The dress uniform was suspended during the war.

Of the streamlining for enlisted men, he said: "In the interest of economy, no change in the uniform will be made until the stocks of existing uniforms have been completely exhausted. Of course, procurement of the present uniforms has ceased and the supply is limited to those already on hand. This supply, we estimate, will be exhausted within about 18 months. This interval . . . allows the Navy time to complete design of a new uniform and to procure it."

ELEVEN STATES SCHEDULE SPRING PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Notification that eleven states have scheduled primary and other elections in April and May, 1946, has been received from the Chief of the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

States which will hold primary elections are Alabama, 7 May; Oregon, 17 May; Florida, 7 May; Illinois, 9 April; North Carolina, 25 May; Ohio, 7 May; Pennsylvania, 21 May, and Virginia, 2 April.

Municipal elections will be held on 21 May in South Dakota, and a statewide non-partisan election will be held in Wisconsin on 2 April.

Detailed information may be obtained from Voting Information Bulletins which have been posted on the bulletin boards, and Official Election War Ballots are available.

For registration, the requests for ballots or general information, see Lieut. R. Hastings, Hospital Voting Officer, in the Education Services Office west of Ward N-14.

NAVY BOND PROGRAM SEES BILLION PLUS INVESTED SINCE '41

From the inception of the Navy Savings Bond Program on 1 August 1941 to the close of the calendar year 1945, Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard, civilian and Military personnel invested more than $1,590,000,000 in U. S. Savings Bonds, according to AlNav 94 recently received at this station.

At the peak period, approximately three million individuals invested in the bond allotment and payroll savings plan.

The Treasury Department is continuing to offer savings bonds to the public and the Navy will continue to make available the opportunity for savings and thrift through the systematic purchase of Series E Savings Bonds.

The Savings Program has been endorsed by the Secretary of the Navy.

Marc Antony made two famous speeches. One was at Caesar's grave when he said, "I came to bury Caesar, not to praise him." The other was at Cleopatra's tent at midnight when he said, "I didn't come here to talk."

SHE'S CUTE, SHE'S CAPIVATING; MEET LADY HONEY BAM, USMC (WR)

"Man! She's REALLY cute!"

"Yeah?"

"M-m-. Honey-blonde hair, soft brown eyes, cute, pert little face, trim figure, and light on her feet. She's the kind that just naturally draws everyone's attention the minute she walks into a room."

"Yeah. What's her name? Where does she . . . ?"

"They call her 'Lady' or 'Baby Doll' and she really is a knockout in her uniform."

"A Wave?"

"Nah, Dumbo! You ought to see her in dress whites. Snappy as a jet job!"

"Oh, a Nurse?"

"Are you kiddin'!?!"

"Okay, Chum, so I'm not good at riddles. Give me the word."

"That I will. Her full name is Lady Honey BAM and she is an official member of USMC (WR). Right now she is taking orders from S/Sgt. Dick Getzlaff, USMC, of Cleveland, Ohio, who is a patient on W-10, and she sleeps under his sack."

"Under his sack?! Hey, what kind of a . . . ?"

"Oh, Lady BAM is a dog, but that stuff about her being in the MC(WR) is straight dope. She has a service record, health record, pay accounts, dog tags, I.D. tag, and liberty chits from every duty station she has been aboard. She is a veteran of 18 months' service overseas, shipping out at the tough old age of six weeks. She saw some rugged duty with the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing on Guadalcanal where she received her Pfc. warrant and shared a Presidential Unit Citation. In El Centro at the Marine Corps Air Base she got that second chevron of the corporal's warrant.

"Like all good Marines, Lady BAM has been thoroughly schooled in military commands. In fact, she has been raised a Marine and such Feather Merchant orders as "Stand Up . . . Lie Down . . . Talk, Lady . . . Here, Puppy," leave her cold, but she responds like the veteran she is to "Attenhut!" . . . Eyes front! . . . At Ease! . . . As You Were! . . . Sound Off! . . . Sack Out! . . . Dismissed!" When "Sea Pappy" Getzlaff gives Lady the "Attention" order, she holds it rigidly against all coaxing or contradictory orders from bystanders until Getzlaff personally gives her "Dismissed!" She says her prayers, too, very quietly and very sincerely.

"Yep, the Lady's been around. New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, stateside stations, plane rides, troop trains, furlough papers and all that are old hat to her; she takes the unusual in her stride with a d m i r a b l e aplomb, but in the words of Sgt. Getzlaff himself, the Lady is also a terrific hound—yeah, sack, chow, and liberty."

If you are one of the people who hang around the W Wards, maybe you have been lucky enough to meet Lady BAM and watch her run through her repertoire. To your reporter, it was a real privilege and I was happy to join that string of admirers the Lady has left in different places half way around the world.

Left—Lady Honey BAM says her prayers: "God bless all Marines everywhere. God bless America!"
Lt. The Lady, sharp as a drill sergeant's dream, sits at rigid attention.

ATHLETIC GEAR NOW BEING ISSUED AT SWIMMING POOL

Patients or staff members interested in using the athletic facilities on the compound should go to the equipment room in the swimming pool building where gear will be issued to you.

Establishment of the equipment room at the pool will be more convenient for the participant as he may check gear out, return it, and then avail himself of the shower and locker facilities in the building. Those using the showers must furnish their own towels as none are yet available for issue.

The new gear room is open daily from 0800 until 1700 including Saturday and Sundays; the only exception being Sunday during those hours when the Church flag is flying.

Gear available to staff and patients includes equipment needed for playing softball, hardball, tennis, basketball, volleyball, boxing, badminton, handball, shuffleboard and golf.

The golf equipment issued at the swimming pool room is for use only at courses off the compound. All equipment for use on the station pitch-putt course will be obtainable at the golf shack on the west end of the course.

Lt. Comdr. C. B. Sharer, who recently reported for duty at this station, is Physical Training Officer in the Welfare and Recreation Department.

Half of War Blind Now Are Civilians

(SEA)—Although 1,200 soldiers were blinded in World War II, only 520 remain in Army instruction centers for physical rehabilitation and six are in Veterans Administration homes. Others have been discharged and returned to civilian life.

About 500 sightless World War I veterans and 65 from other wars and service causes are in VA hospitals and homes. The occupational therapy department of the Veterans Administration announced it will use blind instructors to teach blind veterans in nine special instruction centers.

229 Civil War Vets Still Drawing Pensions

(SEA)—Uncle Sam was still paying pensions totalling $1,284,000 to 229 Civil War veterans and 1,115 veterans of Indian Wars at the end of the fiscal year last June 30, the Veterans Administration reported. The average age of the Union veterans, survivors of an army of 2,213,365, was 98, and of the Indian fighters 82.

Disbursements to 128,104 veterans of the Spanish-American War, Boxer Rebellion and Philippine Insurrection totalled $111,313,000 during the year, an increase of $10,718,000. Disability compensation paid to 332,628 World War I "vets" totalled $180,349,000, an increase of $17,883,000.

More and More GIs Seek Education

(SEA)—A decided spurt in the number of World War II veterans taking on-the-job training or enrolling in colleges and universities under the GI Bill of Rights was reported by the Veterans Administration. A year ago 12,523 were enrolled, while in December over 103,526 were taking advantage of the education privileges of the bill.

Disabled veterans rehabilitation also showed a marked increase with 35,353 in training, 24,126 in schools and 11,227 on-the-job.. While the trend is toward on-the-job training, nevertheless, if the heavy enrollment continues, many colleges will be swamped with applications for next fall.

For Demobilization

(SEA)—The latest summaries of demobilization reveal that the Navy is ahead of schedule. As of 22 December, 1,154,305 were released although the schedule called for only 1,109,826. Up to 15 December, the Marine Corps had released over 164,000, or approximately 44 per cent of those anticipated for release, while the Coast Guard had released 67,600 personnel.

Is it true that when Charlie McCarthy dies, Edgar Bergen will notify his next of kindling?

TELEVISION PREVIEWED ON WARDS

Beverly Hills Mothers Give Set to Hospital

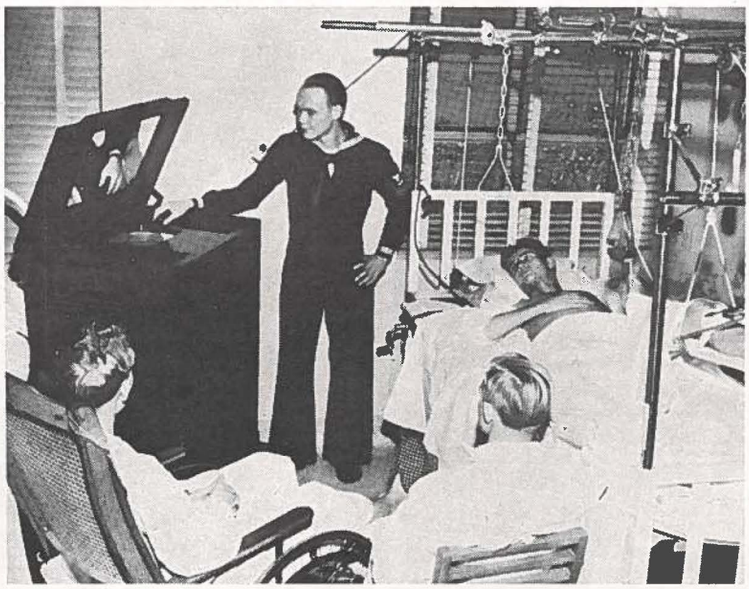
In keeping with its policy of providing the best and latest in entertainment, the Department of Welfare and Recreation is currently holding test previews in television on different wards at this station. The set, an RCA Television Receiver, was presented to this hospital as a Christmas gift by the Navy Mothers' Club of Beverly Hills, California.

"This receiver is being used as a test set for it is anticipated that eventually television will be available on each ward," Lt. Dan O. Henry of Welfare and Recreation stated.

Broadcasts at present are originating from the Don Lee and Paramount Television studios in Hollywood, and the console of the receiver has been equipped with a special dolly to facilitate demonstrations on the wards. A portable antenna mast for the set was also worked out by the station carpenter and electric shops.

Douglas Smith, AMM1c, a patient on N-14, is technical adviser in these experimental tests and is instructing the hospital motion picture operators in the operation of the television set.

"These tests mark the first step here toward 'bedside television' which will enable patients to see boxing matches, football games, horse races, on-the-spot news broadcasts and other timely events which are scheduled to be televised," Smith said. "Television as a medium of entertainment is still in its childhood, but very soon it will grow into the greatest and the mightiest entertainment source the world has ever known."



Doug Smith, AMM1c, supervises a demonstration of the Television Receiver on Ward C-1.

Auditorium Schedule

(Movies shown at 1700 and 1915 unless otherwise indicated)

Fri. 1 Mar.—
The Spiral Staircase — Dorothy McGuire, George Brent.
Sat. 2 Mar.—
The Spiral Staircase
Mon. 4 Mar.—
Deadline at Dawn—Susan Hayward, Paul Lukas.
Tues. 5 Mar.—
Deadline at Dawn.
G.I. Movies for Hospitals—1300.
Wed. 6 Mar.—
Road to Utopia.
G.I. Movies—1300.
Thurs. 1 Mar.—
Road to Utopia.
Fri. 8 Mar.—
Whistle Stop—George Raft, Ava Gardner.
Sat. 9 Mar.—
Whistle Stop.
Mon. 11 Mar.—
Bad Bascomb — Wallace Beery, Margaret O'Brien.
Tues. 12 Mar.—
Bad Bascomb.
G.I. Movies—1300.
Wed. 13 Mar.—
Saratoga Trunk — Gary Cooper, Ingrid Bergman.
Thur. 14 Mar.—
Saratoga Trunk.
G.I. Movies—1300.

Comdr. D. W. Rife is Man of Many Talents

Once upon a time the youth's uncle, for thirty-five years a missionary in the Marshall and Gilbert Islands, told him strange and interesting tales of these once remote isles in the great Pacific. To these tales the boy listened carefully even picking up a smattering of Marshallese, hoping some day that he might find himself stepping ashore on a sunny Pacific beach saying, "Hiya Bud" (in Marshallese, of course) to the nearest native lad.

The youth's hopes were one day realized but not under the balmy conditions he had once envisioned for World War II came along in stark and terrible reality and there was Eniwetok, Guam, Samoa, Kwajalein and others, but most of all there was Katchin Hanto at the north end of Buckner Bay on Okinawa with Kamikaze and hurricanes and the boy had become Comdr. Dwight H. Rife, MC, USNR.

At Katchin Hanto, Commander Rife established the only medical facility available in the locality and furnished medical care not only to his men of the Seventh Naval Construction Battalion but also to men of other military forces and branches of the service. For his work at Katchin Hanto he was recently presented with the Bronze Star Medal by Capt. C. M. Shaar with citation which read in part, "During repeated hostile air attacks he demonstrated complete disregard for his own safety by skillfully and cooly performing numerous emergency operations thereby saving many lives which might otherwise have been lost."

Commander Rife calls Santa Fe, New Mexico, home and is interested in the Santa Fe and Taos, New Mexico, art colonies. Referring to his paintings, the Commander had this to say, "Painting is just a means of relaxation for me; a self-prescription after the rough go at Katchin Hanto. My biggest and best hobby is criminology, and among my works which have been published in criminology journals is a paper on ballistics which Scotland Yard accepted and had published in the London Police Journal. Naturally I'm quite proud of this."

Because his opinions in criminology are widely respected, Comdr. Rife has frequently been called upon to assist in the solution of a murder or other crime, and has been made honorary member of numerous police departments over the world. A surgeon by profession, he was Medical Examiner for the New Mexico State Police Department before entering the service.

Comdr. Rife is friendly and obliging yet gives a definite impression that he would be a mighty good man to have on your side in almost any endeavor, and, with just about that right touch of modesty that seems to go with men of heroic proportions, he seemed even more proud of having been designated "Expert Rifleman, USN" than having been awarded the Bronze Star.

Comdr. D. W. Rife, patient on S.O.Q., holds one of his Okinawa scenes. The backdrop is a water-color of an Oahu lagoon.

Comings and Goings

Receipts and transfers of officers in January not previously reported are as follows: Reported, Comdr. Rutledge F. Smith from Com-11; Comdr. Clair P. Cosgrove from Pt. Status; Lt. Comdr. Karl G. Johanboeke from USNSH, Banning, Calif.; Lt. Comdr. Gerstle M. Haggard from SepCen, Terminal Island; Lieut. William R. Irwin from Com-11; Lieut. Clifford C. Chappell, Jr., from NOB, Norfolk, Va.; Lieut. William J. Dolan from Amphibious Corps via Com-11; Lieut. Thomas E. Colford from overseas via Com-11; Lieut. Herbert E. Hamel from overseas via Great Lakes; Lieut. Ralph M. Milliken from overseas via Com-11; Lieut. Frank N. Reimer from U.S.S. Lardner; Lieut. Robert A. Heebner, USNH, Phila., Pa.; Lt. (jg) Eugene J. Ellis from Combat Aircraft Unit 15 via Com-11; Lt. (jg) Clarence W. Ward from Pt. Status; Lt. (jg) Jack H. Hertzler from Harper Hosp., Detroit, Mich.; Lt. (jg) Francis R. Souder from SepCen, Lido Beach, N. Y.; Lt. (jg) Herman M. Kunkle from SepCen, Great Lakes; Lt. (jg) Edwin B. Tyler from Com-11; Lt. (jg) George F. Lane from TraCen, Great Lakes; Lt. (jg) John L. Tomlinson from SepCen, N. Y.; Lt. (jg) Clare E. Knouf from SepCen, St. Louis, Mo.; Lt. (jg) Albert D. Schinnerer from Com-13; Ensign Mary P. Byrd, USNH, Corona, Calif; Ensign Sylvia L. Martin, USNH, Corona, Calif.; Ensign Edward F. Hull from Com-11; Ensign Omar A. Tunks from Com-11; Pharm. Lowell E. Johnson from USS General H. W. Butner; Pharm. Hubert M. Le Fever from Rec. Hosp., San Francisco, Calif.

Detached to SepCen, Lilac Terrace, Los Angeles, Calif.: Comdr. Mortimer Diamond, Lt. Cdr.'s Wm. H. L. Collis, Gerald W. Shaw, Harry F. Smith; Lieuts. H. R. Morgan, Winthrop N. Francis, Franklyn H. Johnson, Stanley S. Haft.

Comdr. Wilford M. Briggs to NavTraCen, San Diego, Calif.: Lieut. William P. Aikin to USNH, San Leandro, Calif.; Lt. (jg) Betty E. Neu, SepCen, Great Lakes; Clarence W. Ward to Fleet Reserve; Lt. (jg) Lyle W. Furst to U.S.S. Tucson; Francis R. Souder to U.S.S. Mifflin.

CORPSMEN, WAVES HAVE SPECIAL NICHE IN NAVY STRUCTURE

Once described by Capt. I. L. V. Norman, Executive Officer, as "indispensable cogs in the tremendous machine which is the Navy," the Corpsmen and Corps Wave occupy a special niche in the structure of the Navy. Although the enlisted personnel of the Hospital Corps perform an almost endless variety of duties, the average Corpsman is essentially and fundamentally one who helps in the care of the sick and the wounded.

The deeds of the Hospital Apprentices and Pharmacist Mates at the fore-front of the war may approach legendary stature when measured by history's yard stick, but then and now the common ground and the routine detail is that of the Corpsman or Corps Wave on ward duty.

As illustrated in the representative group of pictures on this page the Corpsman's tasks are multiple and are as varied as they are numerous. Some of his jobs require considerable skill as in giving medications, enemas, or intravenous injections, while others, though menial and ordinary such as swabbing the decks, are just as necessary in conforming to the strict requirements of sanitation and general cleanliness.

Every Corpsman with a month or more of ward duty has run the gamut of duties from the galley to the solarium—pushing chow carts, making beds, swabbing decks, sweeping down, polishing the hopper room, counting linen, arranging "screen tests," marshalling the continuous parade of "ducks," giving shots, medications by mouth, rectum, and inunction, back rubs and bed baths, giving advice and receiving it, helping the nurse with dressings or intravenous injections, saying "Yes," "No," "Just a minute," pushing a gurney or a wheel chair, trotting to the pharmacy or Central Supply, or strolling to the Medical Storehouse for less urgent supplies.

Yes, all these things and more such as the extra turning to for Captain's inspection or standing a special watch during the night require stamina, patience, intelligence, and an unusual sense of devotion to duty.

The ward Corpsmen and Corps Waves are a hard working group and a good group; maybe they duck into the head for a smoke occasionally, or find some thin excuse to fluff off for a few minutes to "rest my poor, aching back!" or file a few cups of ice cream in the dark recesses of the refrigerator for future reference, but on the whole their deviations from duty are slight.

He, or she, will gripe about the hours—those long, long hours; about the demands of some patient, the chow, or having but a mere, nodding acquaintance with that best of friends—his personal sack, but their gripes follow the routine pattern, and judging from the way they talk shop in their off-duty hours, it is quite evident that the ward Corpsman finds his work interesting and frequently educational.

As one Corpsman put it, "Sure we get tired, but we are working with human beings who are sick in mind or body and are not, therefore, entirely normal. This in itself creates an interesting situation, but when you get to know your patients pretty well and can watch them progress from stretcher or gurney to ambulatory and then one day you see them ready to shove off for home or duty, the payoff is pretty satisfying."

"We've been called everything from the man behind the man's behind to other things not quite so printable by sailors in other billets in the Navy, but no self-respecting Corpsman need ever bow to a Bosun Mate or Motor Mac; I note with pride that the Hospital Corps has received a very large share of medals and recognition in this war," the Corpsman continued, "and I've been in long enough to see some of the men I've helped look after give me a big smile and a warm handshake months after when I hardly thought they would remember me at all. You can't measure that kind of reward by a cloth patch on your arm."

Top left—Ed Brady, HA1c, injects penicillin into the deltoid, or if you insist, gives a shot in the arm. Top right—Robert Doer, HA2c, gives a therapeutic, relaxing back rub to an appreciative patient. Center (left to right)—They also have to be counted. Shirley Gordon, HA1c taking inventory; Bill Newman, HA2c, gives an artistic twist to the prosaic swab; Mary Bradley, PhM3c, starts a medication on its way. You're right—they are APC's. Lower Left—"Chow Down" on N-14. Corps Waves Dorothy Higdon and Lorraine Higgins dish it out. Lower Right—Joseph LaGorio, HA2c, taking the ever-important T.P.R.

Rate Advancements

The following advancements of rate became effective 1 February, 1946. These advancements do not include those for Waves who extended their service time until 1 September.

PhM1c: West, Thompson E.

PhM2c: Crook, A. G.; De Santolo, C. A.; Kerns, D. R.; Knickerbocker, H.; Kugler, C. B.; Nash, A. E.; Smatlak, S. J.; Smith, D. A.; Stoller, H. R.

PhM3c: Aufderheid, W. H.; Beaudoin, A. R.; Boyle, J. P.; Black, M. E.; Christensen, G. H.; Chupein, C. F.; Comerford, G. J.; Cummings, R. J.; Daniels, C. N.; Eustathopulo, R. H.; Hamilton, S.; Hendrickson, J. R.; Hume, J. R.; Kahn, L. S.; Kannapel, C. F.; Kaplan, N. R.; McHugh, J. R.; McKenzie, J. H.; Mueller, D. F.; Oram, J. W.; Petrie, E. C.; Saccomando, S. J.; Stamm, E. O.; Tockman, A.; Valentine, F.; Vogt, J. S.; Waring, J. A.; Wiseman, R. A.

HA1c: Alpine, J. M.; Baker, M. P.; Barchak, R. M.; Barringer, C. T.; Beardsley, B. A.; Beningo, F. M.; Bodam, R. F.; Bonner, K. E.; Braden, A. O.; Calvert, J.; Conwell, C.; Craft, M. S.; Duarte, C. I.; Engle, B. A.; Fleming, K.; Grant, D. F.; Gray, J. M.; Hartman, M. L.; Heatherly, D. V.; Hetu, D.; Johnson, W. C.; Kaprall, E. R.; Kelley, G. L.; King, D. D.; Kirsch, J. C.; La Vasseur, P. G.; Loop, M. L.; Lyons, M. M.; Marques, A. E.; Martin, B. J.; Molinar, M.; Oldfather, M. M.; Orrico, G. J.; Patton, R. M.; Patterson, D. E.; Pederson, C. A.; Peters, W. A.; Reier, N. M.; Reilley, W. C.; Richards, R. L.; Riley, W.; Roehr, D. H.; Romero, R. G.; Rosko, M. J.; Sharp, M. M.; Smith, L. E.; Smith, R. A.; Sunderwith, W. C.; Trapp, M. R.; Tucker, C.; Vernon, B. E.; Weber, M. E.; Woodrich, V. R.; Wyngarden, W.

RESERVISTS QUERIED IN DEMOBILIZATION SURVEY

"Regardless of the number of points you now have or will have, if you were made eligible for discharge by 1 June 1946, would you agree to request retention in the service for thirty or sixty days or for a longer time?"

If you are a member of the Naval Reserve you were probably asked to make a negative or affirmative reply to this question during the last week in January.

The question was, in effect, a summary of a recent BuPers directive requesting such information from each reservist to furnish further data for demobilization and the post-war navy. The directive repeatedly emphasized that the stipulation was solely for statistical study and was not to be construed or considered as a commitment or plan to be followed in demobilization.

Commanding Officers were instructed by the directive to continue to use the projected reduction of two points per month in computing eligibility for separation of enlisted personnel.

From the reservists on the hospital staff who were questioned, a total of 167 affirmative answers were received. Eight Corps Waves and Corpsmen agreed to stay in until 2 July, ten agreed to stay until 2 August, and 149 agreed to stay until 1 September 1946.

Pharm. J. R. Hammett, Staff Personnel Officer, and Rose Vivirito, civilian employee, have been supervising the work required by the directive. It was pointed out by Mr. Hammett that anyone who has not yet requested retention beyond date of eligibility may do so at any time until a superseding directive is received. A fresh report on retentions is submitted the first day of each month to allow for such changes.

There was no indication in the directive when the results of the survey would be announced.

ADMIRAL R. H. LEIGH DIES ON S. O. Q.

Admiral Richard Henry Leigh, USN, Ret., 75, former commander in chief of the United States Fleet, died on 4 February at this station.

Admiral Leigh was a graduate of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, class of 1887, and held many high and responsible positions during his long career in the Navy. Before taking command of the entire fleet he was commander of the battleships of the Battle Force then commander of the Battle Force. After relinquishing the fleet command in 1933, he became a member and then chairman of the Navy General Board in Washington. In 1934 he was chief naval adviser to the General Disarmament Conference in Geneva and London.

Leigh Navy Landing in Los Angeles harbor is named for him, and a memorial was erected to him in appreciation of his aid in maintaining law and order during the earthquake on 10 March 1933.

Admiral Leigh retired on 1 September 1934 after 47 years in the naval service.

300 STAFF, PATIENTS SEE HENIE ICE SHOW

Three hundred members of the staff and patient personnel from this station were transported by bus caravan to the Westwood Ice Palace Thursday, 14 February, where they were alternately thrilled and dazzled by Sonja Henie and her Hollywood Ice Revue.

The great spectacle of the frozen stage featured, in addition to Miss Henie, some of the best talent known in the world of the silver blades; talent which not only included the stirring performances of the individual skaters but the staging of the brilliant sequences and ensembles with expert blending of lighting and costuming, of balance and timing. The musical and vocal selections and renditions were first rate.

Miss Henie who, it seems, can do about everything on ice except fry an egg (or lay one), left little doubt in the spectators' mind as to how she won three Olympic and ten world championships. Each of her performances was a superb piece of combined skating and dancing, but it was Freddie Trenkler, comedian and skater extraordinary, whose antics brought rafter-shaking applause.

Charles Slater, who executed difficult turns and acrobatics on stilt skates, also thrilled the crowd as did the quartets and octets with their graceful precision skating.

The Thursday night performance was a preview showing primarily for service men and their guests and a hearty vote of thanks is due Miss Henie, producer Arthur M. Wirtz and the entire cast.

Where Do You Live, Mate?

If you live in or near any one of the following places you will be interested in the following U. S. Employment Service report which states the best places in the country to find jobs now are Sacramento and Stockton, Calif.; Washington, D. C.; Peoria, Ill.; St. Joseph, Mo.; Long Branch and Perth Amboy, N. J.; Charleston, S. C.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Salt Lake City and Ogden, Utah; and Richmond and Hampton Rhodes, Va.

Your poorest chances would be in San Diego, Calif.; Evansville and South Bend, Ind.; Wichita Kan.; Detroit, Grand Rapids, Lansing and Muskegon, Mich.; Buffalo and Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Tulsa Okla.; Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

SHIP'S SERVICE HOURS

STORE

0815 to 1300 (Daily)
1400 to 1615 (Daily)
1400 to 1500 (Staff Only)
Closed Sundays

FOUNTAIN

0900 to 1300 (Daily)
1400 to 1900 (Daily)
0900 to 1300 (Thursday only. Field day.)
1300 to 1600 (Sunday)

WOULD YOU SIGN OVER FOR A PAIR OF NYLONS?

(SEA)—Re-enlistment of Waves, stimulated by promise of a rate advancement for six months' additional duty, may be expected to turn into a stampede with the announcement that 80,000 pairs of nylon stockings wil be available to Waves, Spars, and Navy nurses during February and early March and another 37,000 pairs during late March and April.

The hosiery, to be sold through Ship's Stores, will retail for approximately $1.05 per pair. They will be 45 gauge and will be limited to one pair per girl bi-monthly.

(Lt. E. W. Levis, Ship's Service Officer for USNHLB, stated that the Navy Supply Depot will send this station's quota of Nylons "if and when" the depot receives them. Lt. Levis underlined the limitation of "one pair per girl bi-monthly" and pointed out that "bi-monthly" means every two months and not twice each month.)

COMDR. BIGELOW TO COMH

Comdr. A. F. Bigelow, USN, has been transferred to Headquarters, Eleventh Naval District, San Diego, California, to become Administrative Assistant to the District Medical Officer.

Comdr. Bigelow has been Administrative Assistant at this station since 27 January 1945.

ATHLETIC AREA FOR W-WARDS

The area between wards W-5 and W-6 was recently paved and made available to patients for use as an athletic area. It is suitable for badminton, volleyball, or for playing catch with softball or football.

The M.A.A. on W-5 will issue athletic gear to those patients who wish to use the court.

TERMINAL LEAVE SOUGHT

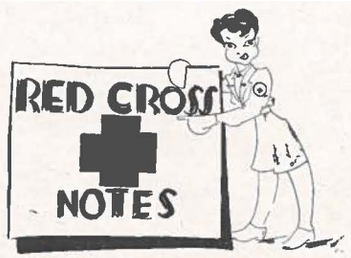
(SEA)—Terminal Leave for enlisted men may become an actuality. Several bills now in Congress would grant accumulated leave pay to enlisted men at the rate of 2½ days per month not to exceed 120 days total.

FREE! BOWLING GUIDE

If you are interested in improving your bowling skill, or in bowling rules and courtesies, or in gaining a knowledge of America's foremost bowlers, drop in at the Welfare and Recreation office in Building 86 and ask for a Bowling Guide.

It is the official guide of the American Bowling Congress. Approximately fifty copies were donated by the publisher, A. S. Barnes and Company, New York.

"There goes another rookie civilian mad with power."



We are pleased to announce the opening of a Red Cross Day Room for the use of patients and their friends. The room is located in the Walker Building near the West Gate. It is equipped with ping pong tables, radio, recording machine, piano, writing tables and comfortable chairs. It is open from 1000 to 1600. Come over and enjoy yourselves.

Two new Red Cross social service offices have opened also. One office is located opposite Ward W-9 and the other opposite Ward N-8. These offices replaced the one formerly located near the Optical Dispensary unit.

We are looking for talent! Can you sing or dance? Do you like dramatics? Do your friends think you funny? If you have any of these qualifications, please come to the Red Cross Recreation room near N-14. We would like to have you in our "All Patients Show" which has already been acclaimed by the men on wards C-1, C-2, and W-4. Speed Kopp from ward C-1, who is master of ceremonies for the show, is also chairman of the Patients Council.

Next week two new interest classes are beginning. An interior decorator under contract with the Paramount Studio is going to conduct a Home Planning class in our recreation room near N-14 every Thursday morning from 0900 to 1100. A Photography class is also beginning. It will be conducted on Tuesdays from 1400 to 1530. We still have the fly tieing class on Tuesday evenings and the stamp collector's class on Wednesday evenings. If you have any of these interests as a hobby or occupation, call the Red Cross office near N-14 for more complete information.

Two new medical social workers and one recreation worker have joined our staff in the past month. Miss Janet Grant, a Bostonian from Simmons School of Social Work, has come here after having been stationed at the AAS Regional Hospital, Santa Ana, California. Miss Laurice Russell has just arrived here from USNH, Sun Valley, Idaho. Miss Russell graduated from the University of Minnesota and worked at the Mayo Clinic before joining the Red Cross. Our new recreation worker is Miss Katherine Spedden, who was also transferred here from Santa Ana. She is from Seattle, Washington, and is a graduate of the University of Washington.

SACO Member Is Patient Here

Lt. F. W. Earnshaw, USNR, who was recently attached to the SACO operation, is now a patient on Ward E-4.

SACO, the Sino-American Cooperative Organization, until V-J day and for many months thereafter a top-secret operation, was composed of Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard men who teamed with Chinese guerillas to bring essential information to the Allies and death to the Japs.

Sport Light

Standing (L. to R.)—Baker, Porter, Halverson, Craft, Ens. Einbecker, coach; Kneeling (L. to R.)—Crepps, Redden, Justus. Not shown are Hendrix, Henderson, Hafer, and Monaghan.

Waves Basketball Team Nearing Perfect Season

With but two games remaining to be played this season, the Corps Waves basketball team from this station stands a better-than-fair chance of completing their schedule with a win percentage of exactly 1000.

To date the sharp-shooting Waves team has won six league games and one non-league game, registering 198 points to their opponents' 138. The team was but newly organized when it entered the City League sponsored by the Long Beach YW CA and started their straight run of victories by defeating the Atlantic Methodist club 44 to 38.

Forwards on the team are Donna Mae Halverson, Ruth Porter, Marjorie Craft, Alice Hendrix, and Annie Redden. Guards are Juanita Hafer, Mildred Baker, Julia Justus, Mary E. Crepps, Rosalie Henderson, Jane Monahan, and Kathleen Fleming. Ensign Margaret Einbecker coaches the team and Ensign Helen Moore is manager.

Halverson is team captain and is generally regarded as its outstanding player. She rarely misses the basket and in a recent game against the Atlantic Methodists she tallied 44 of the 51 points for the Waves team or 8 more than the total scored by the opponents.

Each Tuesday evening the girls practice at the Los Alamitos NAS gym and games are played on Wednesday evenings.

Games remaining on the schedule are Long Beach Spars on 6 March,

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Two Hospital Teams Reach Finals In I-L Playoffs

(Special)—The Hospital Station team and the Hospital "Reds" team both won in the finals of the Industrial League playoffs at the YMCA Tuesday night 26 February.

The station team defeated the Naval Base five by a decisive 51-37 while the "Reds" topped the Diamond Cab club by 35-30.

Lt. Dan O. Henry was high scorer for the station team with 12 points but was closely followed by Duncan Kerns who tallied 11 points, and Jack Wolfe who chalked up 10. Dale Wirth and Gene Hildebrand scored 6 each and George Shaw accounted for 4. Carl Petty and Paul Russell, playing from guard position, did not tally. High point men for the NOB team were Abounder, with 11, Sinderman with 9 and Haulttunen with 8.

Gene Murphy led the "Red" squad with 11 markers, followed by John Stites' 8. Bradbury led the Cabbies by scoring 11 points.

The station team from the Naval Hospital and the Hospital "Reds" advanced to the finals in their respective brackets in the Industrial League basketball playoffs at the YMCA gym, Tuesday, 19 February.

The station team, playing in the top bracket, defeated the Small Craft Training Center five in a close, switch-lead game by a score of 41-37. The Reds had less trouble with the "B" bracket opponents as they defeated the USS Vicksburg Goldbricks by 29-17.

Top—Hospital Station Team (Standing)—Left to Right: Lt. Henry, Wolfe, Kerns; (Kneeling)—Russell, Shaw, Wirth, Hildebrand; (Facing Group)—Manager Huff. Center—Hospital Reds (Reading clockwise)—Turner, Sandoval, Leonard, Stites, Powers, Watrous, Murphy, Goure, Winkler. Bottom—Hospital Golds—(Back Row, L. to R.)—Raden, Chupein, Condie, Ashcraft, Lloyd, Holloway. (Front Row, L. and R.)—Yablon, Barr, Scorsone, Pharm, Morris.

The scorers of the Naval Hospital-SCTC game saw the lead change at each quarter period with the Hospital five leading 13-12 at the first-quarter recess, the SCTC outfit ahead by 24-20 at half-time, and the Hospital club in front again at the third-quarter pause by 32-29.

The five men of the Hospital team were forced to pull the "iron man" routine and go the whole route in the game as no substitutes were available. The lack of substitutes built up a suspense situation early in the last quarter as three of the five men had four personal fouls called on each of them. A fifth foul would have forced them out of the game leaving the team to finish short handed or, under league contest rules, forfeit the game. None, however, committed the fatal fifth foul.

The team was composed of Lt. Dan Henry and Eugene Hildebrand,

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'Bells', 'Week-end' Named As Best Picture in 1945 By Local Cinemaddicts

That the average cinema fan from this station is primarily interested in good acting and good entertainment was demonstrated when results of a representative poll were tabulated this week.

When asked "What movie did you like best in 1945?" the choices ranged from the neurotic to the sublime as "The Lost Week-End" was just out-numbered by "The Bells of St. Mary's". Other standout pictures receiving supporting votes were "National Velvet", "Anchors Aweigh", "Wonder Man", "Spellbound", "Valley of Decision", "Meet Me in St. Louis", "Mildred Pierce" and "Roughly Speaking".

That Ray Milland turned in the best male performance of the year in "Lost Week-End" was not questioned while Ingrid Bergman led all actresses with her role in "Bells of St. Mary's".

Best supporting male actor was generally conceded to be J. Carrol Naish as Benny Martin's father in "A Medal for Benny". Ann Blyth, the spoiled brat of "Mildred Pierce", was voted best supporting actress.

Frequent mention and recommendation was given for the special effects in the bat and mouse sequence in "Lost Week-End", and many fans applauded the running ballad in "A Walk in the Sun", the latter a 1946 release.

Official awards will be made at the annual Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences on 9 March in Los Angeles.

PHYSICIST FORESEES NAVY OF ATOMIC SUBS

(SEA) — A Navy of submarines operating 1000 feet below the surface of the ocean as fast as ships now operate on the surface is one of the possibilities of the atomic age foreseen by a 30-year-old physicist testifying before the Senate Atomic Energy Committee.

And these submarines, powered by atomic energy, would be "the safest place on this tortured planet," according to the prophet, Dr. Alvin M. Weinberg, chief of the theoretical physics section of the Clinton Ridge Laboratories in Oak Ridge, Tenn., atomic bomb plant.

"The atomic fire at Hanford, Wash., burns without oxygen," Dr. Weinberg said. "Here is an ideal fuel for use in submarines."

An Irishman was sitting in a station smoking, when a woman came in, and sitting beside him, remarked: "Sir, if you were a gentleman, you would not smoke here!" "Mum," he said, "if ye were a lady, ye'd sit farther away." Pretty soon the woman burst out again: "If you were my husband, I'd give you poison!" "Well, mum," returned the Irishman as he puffed at his pipe, "If you wuz me wife, I'd take it."

Call Lt. Tyler on 262

Lt.(jg) Edwin B. Tyler, who is in charge of tickets and transportation to off-the-compound shows and events, should be called on extension 262.

Lt. Comdr. C. B. Sharer, Physical Training officer, may also be reached on extension 262.

ENLISTEES IN USN NUMBER 398,292

On 13 February 1946, the total enlisted manpower in the regular Navy was 398,292. Of this number 145,560 were first enlistments, transfers to the regular navy from reserves and inductees, and reenlistments and extensions.

For the period of 7 February through 13 February there were 6265 first enlistments, 1132 transfers to regular Navy from reserve, and 464 regular Navy reenlistments.

The number stipulated by the Bureau of Navy Personnel is 500,000 enlisted men by 1 September 1946 at which time it is expected to have the Navy at its peacetime strength.

Full wartime pay rates, 20 per cent bonus for sea duty, and 5 per cent increase in pay for every three years of service plus many possibilities for promotion are incentives to join which will continue in effect in the peacetime regular Navy.

U. S. Navy Now Too Weak To Fight, Says Adm. King

Washington (CNS)—Rapid demobilization of personnel has so disorganized the U. S. Navy that today it could not fight a major battle, according to Fleet Adm. Ernest J. King, chief of naval operations.

Adm. King told a Congressional committee that he favored universal military training as necessary to build up a trained, organized reserve. "The Navy today," said he, "is pretty much a disintegrated group."

"Has the Navy become so disorganized that it could not fight a major battle," the admiral was asked.

"I'm afraid I'll have to say 'yes' to that question," he replied.

WAVES BASKETBALL

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and the Lemmons on 13 March.

Box score to date is as follows:

Waves 44 vs. Atl. Meth's 38.
Waves 37 vs. Cal-Hts. Meth's 27.
Waves 32 vs. L. B. Spars 12.
Waves vs. Lemmons (Default).
Waves 51 vs. Atl. Meth's 36.
Waves 34 vs. Cal-Hts. Meth's 25.

Two Hospital Teams

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HA1c, guards; Duncan Kerns, PhM2c and Dale Wirth, PhM3c, forwards, and Jack Wolfe, PhM3c, center. Kerns led individual scoring with 15 points followed by Lt. Henry who tallied 12, Wirth with 9, Wolfe with 3, and Hildebrand with 2. Lt. Henry coaches the team and is assisted my Managers Don Huff, HA2c, and Bob Holloway, HA2c.

Small Request or Rugged Duty Dept.

When questioned on future plans for a column in the St. Albans Naval Hospital News, David Meyers, HA1c, replied, "Next to a quick return to life, I should like most to finish my college training."

"Listen, Sailor, if the captain ever caught you calling that deck a floor, he'd throw you right out that little round window."

PRISONER-SABOTEUR

P1/Sgt. F. J. McCool, USMC

"No matter how little it is I can do to cripple and halt this work, that much may save the life of an American, keep him from this hell that has hold of me." This thought was the driving force which gave meaning to existence to P1/Sgt. Felix J. McCool, USMC, who was a prisoner of the Japs for 41 months.

Sgt. McCool, a patient on N-9, describes his experiences as a prisoner-saboteur in an article in a current magazine. "We gloried in absenteeism, broke down machinery, crippled electric motors, brought buildings tumbling down upon our heads. We killed people and we maimed them, and at night would sit huddled in little groups asking ourselves, 'What did you do today to screw things up?'"

"It was a great game, and we didn't dare lose, for losing meant our heads in the quick way or our food ration and slow starvation in the longer way."

Sgt. McCool's deep hatred of Japan was born in Shanghai in 1940 and 1941 when he was one of a thousand American Marines surrounded by half a million Japs. The bitterness grew with tremendous speed on Monkey Point, Corregidor and Bataan, and in the slow unending months in Japanese coal mines. He and his fellow prisoners developed a hundred tricks at sabotaging the Nip war effort.

McCool saw a reversal in the attitude of the Jap toward his American prisoner long before the Yanks were in sight and he took off with other American prisoners and headed down to the sea.

McCool is planning additional articles based on his experiences for publication. His co-author is Edward A. Herron, Glendale, California, writer.

HELP!

Any staff member wishing to contribute to the SANTANA is welcome to do so. Just call Managing Editor Williams or drop your "scoop" off at Welfare and Recreation office in Bldg. 86. It will be edited and, though we can't guarantee to print it, we will do our best. Dramatic or humorous situations, poems, jokes, interesting patter about your co-worker or patients may well be newsworthy. Bylines will be awarded where they are deserved.

There is something satisfying about seeing your efforts put on the printed page.

HUMERUS by RIGOR MORTIS JR.

A new H.A. received his detail assignment to the M.A.A. shack and reported for duty.

"What can you do?" asked the chief in charge.

"Nothin'," said the H.A.

"Good," replied the chief, "we won't have to break you in."

Navy Bridegroom: "With all my worldly goods I thee endow."
Bride's father (aside): "There goes his sea bag and fountain pen."

"Look, Daddy, I pulled this cornstalk up all by myself!"

"What a strong boy you are."

"Sure . . . and the whole world had hold of the other end."

He: "I'm a lucky guy . . . I gotta real rabbit's foot."
She: "Gee, can I see it?"
He: "Shucks, I'm not gonna take off my shoes an' socks just to show ya."

Refresher notes from rehabilitation on civilian terms:

DECK—52 playing cards.
HEAD—The part of a nail you hammer on.
FLAT TOP—A deceased Dick Tracy character.
SACK—A paper receptacle for groceries, etc.
DOG TAG—A biting permit for a canine.
QUARTERS—Four to the dollar.
CHOW—A dog with lots of fur.

Mother: "Get off that sailor's lap."
Daughter: "What for? I got here first."

A sailor got a letter from his wife containing a sketch of their car's dashboard. "This is the exact way the dashboard looks," she wrote, "do we need a quart of oil?"

Little Mary, aged six, gazed long and earnestly at the beaming boy friend who was calling on big sister.

"May I sit on your lap, mister?" inquired Mary.

"Why certainly!" said the man.

"I want to see if I can find the word," said Mary.

"What word?" asked the young man.

"I heard Sis say at dinner that if ever a man had idiot written all over his face that man was you."

A golfer came back from the practice tee so obviously upset that his friend rushed out of the locker room to find out what the trouble was.

"What's wrong?" he cried.

"I just killed my wife," the other replied, visibly shaken.

"My God!" said his friend. "That's awful. How did it happen?"

"Well," the golfer said, "I was out there practicing and I didn't see my wife come up behind me. I took a back swing and hit her on the head. She dropped dead immediately."

"Gosh!" the friend said, "What club were you using?"

Guide: "We are now passing the largest brewery in the world."

Sailor: "I'm not."